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Aarne H. Reid : 9527-3 (158777)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

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Sir:

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ELECTIONS

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups of claims.

- I. Claims 1-12.
- II. Claim 13.
- III. Claims 14-18.

The Examiner also asserts that the application contains patentably distinct species of claimed invention identified as follows.

Species A: Figures 1-3.

Species B: Figures 4-6.

Species C: Figure 7.

Species D: Figure 8.

Species E: Figure 9.

The applicant elects Group I (claims 1-12) and Species A (Figures 1-3) for prosecution in the present application. In the elected group of claims, it is believed that claims 1-8 read onto the elected species shown in Figures 1-3.